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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-5-63

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Captioned individual wrote and stated he had visited Cut Bank, Montana, and there had been considerable discussion regarding Harvey Matusow. Matusow has alleged that Senator Mansfield was a communist sympathizer and that Matusow knows of this since he (Matusow) had been a communist at the time. These accusations were allegedly made during one of the Senator's campaigns and Matusow's public accusations were interrupted by his arrest by the FBI. Fred Barrett, Democratic State Chairman, has alleged that [redacted] leader of the John Birch Society in Glacier County, had brought Matusow into the county for the specific purpose of defaming Senator Mansfield. This television station would like to schedule a TV debate on this issue during August and desires any available background material on Matusow.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent or his TV station. Our relations with Senator Mansfield have been cordial. He is the Senate Majority Leader and we have no information that he has been sympathetic to communism. [redacted] was a contact of the Butte Office for several years and is past Executive National Committeeman of The American Legion. He has taken a great interest in Americanism and claims to have one of the most complete personal libraries on communism in Montana. During The American Legion Convention at Atlantic City in 1957 he apparently met the Director briefly and shook hands. He has been sent reprint material from time to time and wrote a most complimentary letter to the Director 11-25-62. This letter was acknowledged and he was placed on the Special Correspondents' List. In April, 1963, we received 2 newspaper items which were reprints of the March, 1960, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin Introduction [redacted] which bore the legend "published through the courtesy of [redacted] Regional Coordinator of the John Birch Society." The Butte Office contacted [redacted] and told him that Bureau reprint material cannot be used to indicate support of any organization. He was apologetic and advised that he had been traveling throughout Montana and Wyoming on behalf of the John Birch Society. He felt the John Birch Society was "best qualified to combat" communism and leftist groups. He has been deleted from the Special Correspondents' List.

~~1 - Mr. Tolson~~
1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Morrell to DeLoach
Re: [redacted]

Harvey Matusow [redacted] in 1950. He appeared as a Government witness in the cases against Clinton Edward Jenks and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, et al. He subsequently recanted his testimony and was later indicted for perjury in the Southern District of New York on 7-13-55 in connection with an affidavit submitted by him in the Flynn case and his testimony during the hearing on the motion for a new trial in that case. He was convicted 9-26-56 and sentenced to 5 years 9-28-56. The Court of Appeals affirmed his conviction and the Supreme Court denied certiorari.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That attached airtel be forwarded to the Butte Office instructing that correspondent be contacted, advised of the confidential nature of Bufiles and also advised of the information concerning Matusow's conviction for perjury which is a matter of public court record.

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(2) That someone in your (Mr. DeLoach) office contact Senator Mansfield or his Administrative Assistant and advise them of the details of the letter we have received and the allegations Matusow allegedly made. Senator Mansfield should also be advised of Matusow's conviction for perjury.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 11345-11347. Senator Kuchel, (R) California, pointed out that several weeks ago the Sacramento (California) State College held a forum on the John Birch Society. He included an address delivered on this occasion by Mr. Leonard V. Finder, editor and publisher of the Sacramento Union. The subject of the address was "The John Birch Society Philosophy and Program." Mr. Finder stated "By now it should be clear what is Mr. Welch's purpose: to substitute the John Birch Society for duly elected government, with Welch as the absolute authoritative head. - - - We are not to trust our Armed Forces to defend us from communism abroad; we are not to have confidence in people whose records were scrutinized when they sought election; we are not to rely on the FBI or Senate committees or the local police authorities or others to lick the Communists domestically. We are to trust none of them--only the John Birch Society."

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URGENT 7-16-63 11-43 AM EME

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /100-59001/

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

THE JULY SIXTEEN INSTANT ISSUE OF THE DAILY ENTERPRISE, A RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, DAILY NEWSPAPER, FEATURES AN ARTICLE THAT JOHN ROUSSELOT, FORMER U.S. CONGRESSMAN, DESCRIBED AS A JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ORGANIZER FOR SIX WESTERN STATES, SPOKE IN RIVERSIDE JULY FIFTEEN LAST. ROUSSELOT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE THE BIRCH SPONSORED PUBLIC ADDRESS LISTS SEVEN ~~QUOTE~~ "GOOD CONSERVATIVE POSSIBILITIES" ~~UNQUOTE~~ FOR THE REPUBLICAN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT. HE STATES SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER OF ARIZONA WOULD BE ~~QUOTE~~ "BEST BUT HE-S NOT THE ONLY CONSERVATIVE WHO COULD BE CONSIDERED" ~~UNQUOTE~~. ROUSSELOT LISTS THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES - EX AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EZRA TAFT BENSON - REPRESENTATIVE H. R. GROSS, IOWA - SENATOR JOHN ~~POWER~~ TOWER, REPUBLICAN - BRUCE ALGER, TEXAS - FBI CHIEF J. EDGAR HOOVER -

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AND EX SENATOR WILLIAM KNOWLAND OF CALIFORNIA. ROUSSELOT IS QUOTED AS STATING THE BIRCH SOCIETY IS ~~QUOTE~~ "AN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION" ~~UNQUOTE~~ AND DOES NOT ENDORSE CANIDATES.

HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE SOCIETY IS ~~QUOTE~~ "GROWING RAPIDLY IN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA, ALMOST MORE RAPIDLY THAT IN ANY OTHER AREA." ~~UNQUOTE~~. HE DECLINED TO RESPOND TO A QUESTION ON MEMBERSHIP BUT QUOTED FOUNDER ROBERT WELCH AS SAYING THE SOCIETY HAS ~~QUOTE~~ "LESS THAN ONE MILLION MEMBERS" ~~UNQUOTE~~ AND ASSERTED THAT ~~QUOTE~~ "THIRTYFIVE PER CENT OF ALL MEMBERS IN CALIFORNIA ARE DEMOCRATS!" ~~UNQUOTE~~, AND IS QUOTED AS CALLING THE ~~QUOTE~~ "SO-CALLED DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN RED CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION AS OVER PLAYED." ~~UNQUOTE~~.

CONCERNING THE BIRCH SOCIETY-S EFFORTS TO HAVE SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN IMPEACHED, ROUSSELOT SAID ~~QUOTE~~ "THE MOVEMENT IS GAINING STRENGTH DAY BY DAY ALL OVER THE COUNTRY" ~~UNQUOTE~~ AND ADDED THAT BILLBOARDS CALLING FOR WARREN-S IMPEACHMENT ~~QUOTE~~ "SIMPLY ATTRACT ATTENTION TO THE MOVEMENT." ~~UNQUOTE~~.

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THE FOREGOING ARTICLE AND INTERVIEW CARRIES THE BY-LINE OF ALICE NAUMAN, DAILY ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER.

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 8/14/63

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., CHAPTER
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

On 8/13/63, [redacted] Fayetteville Observer, a daily newspaper published at Fayetteville, N. C., confidentially advised SA LACY M. WALTHALL, JR., that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, which for some time has had a dormant chapter in Fayetteville, held a meeting within the past two weeks at which time the following individual was elected "head" or President of the local unit:

[redacted]
[redacted] Fayetteville
Employed: [redacted] Tidewater Natural Gas Co.,
539 Hay St., Fayetteville

He further advised the following are also reported to be members of the above organization:

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[redacted]
[redacted] Fayetteville
Employed: Huske Hardware House, [redacted]
405 Hay St., Fayetteville

[redacted]
[redacted] Fayetteville

[redacted]
[redacted] Fayetteville
Employee of Radio Station WFAI
1100 Ramsey St., Fayetteville

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[redacted]
[redacted] Fayetteville
(Retired U. S. Army)

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[redacted] Fayetteville
[redacted] Insurance & Realty Co.,
2617 Bragg Blvd., Fayetteville

[redacted] Fayetteville
[redacted] Radio Station WFAI
1100 Ramsey St., Fayetteville

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[redacted] Fayetteville
[redacted] Hercules Steel Co., Inc.
701 King St., Fayetteville

Any additional information regarding the members or activities of the above organization received through established sources or public sources will be furnished to the Bureau by Charlotte.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: August 16, 1963

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

The Congressional Record for Thursday, August 15, 1963, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been noted for your attention.

HOUSE

The proceedings of the House contain nothing of interest to the Bureau.

Adjournment: Until Monday, August 19, 1963, at 12 noon.

SENATE

Pages 14363-14365. Senator Young, (D) Ohio, spoke concerning the John Birch Society and other such organizations. He stated "I believe that the radical right today is an even deadlier threat to our democratic traditions and institutions than are American adherents to communism. - - - It is estimated that today there are fewer than 10,000 Communist Party members in the Nation. Of this total number—8,000 to 10,000 estimated by Director J. Edgar Hoover—I assert a considerable number are in reality counteragents—loyal Americans—who report regularly to our Nation's FBI or CIA. Although the danger from internal communism has been lessening, the radicals of the right—in Europe they would be called Fascists—now pose a dangerous threat in trying to destroy the civil liberties and institutions which are the foundations of freedom. They accuse everyone who disagrees with their brand of 'Americanism' of being a Communist or Communist sympathizer." Mr. Young also comments on the leaders of these organizations. He went on to state "Speaking of the radical right, J. Edgar Hoover, warned that—'Attributing every adversity to communism

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is not only irrational but contributes to hysteria and fosters groundless fears. * * * The way to fight it is to study it, understand it and discover what can be done about it. * * * This is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action.'"

Adjournment: Until Monday. August 19, 1963, at 12 noon.

APPENDIX

There is nothing in the Appendix of interest to the Bureau.

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August 21, 1963

[redacted]

Fremont, California

Dear [redacted]

When I returned to the office, I read the letter of August 10th from you and your husband. It was certainly thoughtful of you to comment as you did regarding my work, and I want you to know of my appreciation.

I am enclosing several articles which I hope you will find of interest; however, budgetary limitations will preclude my sending the amount you requested. For your information, there is no charge for any of the material this Bureau distributes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
1 - San Francisco
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NOTE: Since [redacted] were not identifiable in Bufiles, the San Francisco Office was instructed to make the appropriate background inquiries. By radiogram of 8/19/63 the San Francisco Office advised that [redacted] had contacted that office on several occasions requesting reprint material. The San Francisco Office has determined that correspondent is the head of the John Birch Society in Fremont; and a source of the San Francisco Office described [redacted] as an uneducated individual, very autocratic and argumentative. In view of this it is not felt that [redacted] should be sent any of our material in volume.
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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"An American's Challenge" 10/9/62
Statement on Communism, 7/15/62
Why Reds Make Friends with Businessmen
"The Faith To Be Free" 12/7/61

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC SAN FRANCISCO 192316

"CHANGED" [redacted] FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS). b6 b7C

TITLE CHANGED TO SET FORTH FULL NAME OF [redacted] AS DISCLOSED BY OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT NUMBER [redacted]

REBUAIRTEL AUGUST 15 LAST.

SAN FRANCISCO FILES REFLECT THAT THE [redacted] HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE IN AUGUST, 1962, THAT THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADE; WERE INTERESTED IN FIGHTING COMMUNISM; AND REQUESTED ANY AVAILABLE LITERATURE ON THE SUBJECT. [redacted] AGAIN CONTACTED THE OFFICE IN OCTOBER, 1962 AND STATED THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF AN ANTI-COMMUNIST STUDY GROUP AND HAD SUBSCRIBED TO THE DW NEWSPAPER FOR STUDY PURPOSES AND WANTED THIS FACT MADE A MATTER OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE.

CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER EAST BAY, HAYWARD AND OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DISCLOSED THAT [redacted] IS EMPLOYED AS AN ELECTRICIAN FOR [redacted] ELECTRIC COMPANY, SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA, AND RESIDENT OF [redacted] FREMONT, CALIFORNIA. DISCLOSES SEVERAL SMALL COLLECTION ITEMS DELINQUENT.

FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS NEGATIVE.

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSES [redacted] ARRESTED [redacted] ON TRAFFIC VIOLATION (DRIVING ON SUSPENDED LICENSE); FINED $53, WHICH FINE WAS PAID [redacted] [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] INSTANT THAT [redacted] [redacted] FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, IS THE "HEAD OF THE BIRCH SOCIETY CHAPTER IN FREMONT, CALIFORNIA." THIS SOURCE b6 b7C b7D

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DESCRIBED [redacted] AS AN UNEDUCATED INDIVIDUAL, VERY AUTOCRATIC AND ARGUMENTIVE.

SAN FRANCISCO RECOMMENDS THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE REQUEST NOT BE COMPLIED WITH IN VIEW OF HIS AFFILIATION WITH THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND HIS GENERAL REPUTATION BASED ON INFORMATION FROM [redacted]

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-16-63

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
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The captioned individual wrote a letter to the editor of "Rockford Morning Star" which appeared on October 5, 1963. It attributed a remark to the Director, "the irresponsible Birch Society hinders our fight against communism." A reader, [redacted] forwarded the published letter to the Director indicating he knew Mr. Hoover never made such a statement. The reader's letter was acknowledged and the SAC, Chicago, was instructed on October 9, 1963, to contact [redacted] to ascertain the source of her quote and to explain to her that the FBI makes no evaluations or draws conclusions concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Chicago advised by airtel 10-11-63, [redacted] on contact, stated she did not believe that the Agents had been instructed by Mr. Hoover to contact her to advise her that she had misquoted him. She was unable to provide the source of her quote and referred to an article written by former Vice President Nixon which appeared in the March 16, 1963, issue of the "Rockford Register-Republic" in which he recalled the Director's statement in the American Bar Association Journal calling for a sane, rational understanding of the facts in the fight against communism. One paragraph in this article reads "The irresponsible tactics of Robert Welch and others like him have hurt the fight against Communism." [redacted] believed that Mr. Nixon's article implied that Mr. Hoover was against the John Birch Society.

She was told that she had misquoted Mr. Hoover and was advised that the FBI, as an investigative agency, makes no such conclusions and that Mr. Hoover did not make any remarks to the effect that he either supports or does not support the John Birch Society.

Still doubtful that Mr. Hoover would have sent Agents to interview her, later that day she telephoned the Rockford, Illinois, Resident Agency to determine if she had actually been contacted by FBI Agents on October 11th and was advised she had.

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She telephoned long-distance to Bureau Headquarters on October 14, 1963, and spoke to SA John W. O'Beirne of the Crime Research Section. She wanted to know if the men who visited her concerning her letter to the editor were Special Agents and wondered whether Mr. Hoover would resort to "police-state methods" of this type. She was informed

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that the individuals who contacted her were FBI Agents and that they had called on her upon Mr. Hoover's instructions. She was informed that the statement she made was incorrect and that Mr. Hoover never referred to the John Birch Society, or for that matter to any other organization, publication or individual in the manner in which she quoted him in her letter to the editor. She repeated that she felt Mr. Nixon implied that Mr. Hoover was against the John Birch Society. She was advised that no such implication could be drawn and that Agents had visited her to enlighten her in this regard. [redacted] gave every indication at the conclusion of the conversation that she understood.

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Chicago advised by airtel 10-14-63, [redacted] had a brother [redacted] concerning whom Chicago conducted a Loyalty of Government Employees Investigation on the basis of a request from the Civil Service Commission in which alleged her brother had been a member of the American Youth for Democracy in 1946. This investigation revealed that [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Mr. DeLoach

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 1963

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A6627 - A6628. Congressman Udall, (D) Arizona, extended his remarks concerning the sale of wheat to Russia. He pointed out that the proposed sale follows a pattern set in 1955 by then Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson who favored increased trade with the Soviet bloc as a means to reduce U. S. farm surpluses. Mr. Udall stated, "Mr. Benson's son, Reed, a John Birch Society official, came to Arizona last month but apparently was unable to refute these facts. Instead he chose to cry, 'treason' because the present administration is going to permit sales." Mr. Udall included two articles from the Arizona Republic, Phoenix morning newspaper, issues of October 16th and 19th. The article entitled "Red Sale Treason, Bircher Declares" states "The sale of U. S. wheat to Russia would be an act of treason because it gives aid and comfort to the enemy, Reed Benson, Utah State coordinator for the John Birch Society, told a Phoenix Press Club forum last night. - - - - In other talks yesterday, Benson told audiences this country is at war with communism and expressed belief this Nation is losing that war. 'J. Edgar Hoover told the Nation that the sooner we wake up the safer we will be,' Benson declared, and he added that the Birch Society is dedicated to hastening that awakening." The article went on to state, "He said that it was when he was considering joining the Birch Society in 1961 that he first met Robert Welch, its founder and director. Before that, he said he obtained a copy of the FBI's report on the society. Benson said he attended one of Welch's 2-day seminars."

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Did we ever investigate the John Birch Society?
Did we ever give Benson anything on J. B. Society?

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Date: 10/28/63

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597) (P)

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re NY teletype, dated 10/25/63, captioned "Chief Justice EARL WARREN, United States Supreme Court".

There are enclosed for the Bureau five copies of a LHM dated 10/28/63, captioned "Chief Justice EARL WARREN, United States Supreme Court".

The source referred to in the LHM is [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
October 28, 1963

Re: Chief Justice Earl Warren,
United States Supreme Court

On October 25, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned from a source whom he considers to be reliable, but whom he declined to identify, that a call had gone out to members of the John Birch Society to picket at the New York Bar Association Building, 42 West 44th Street, New York City, at 5:00 p.m., on October 29, 1963, at which time the New York Bar Association will present an award to Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court. These pickets will carry placards reading "Impeach Earl Warren," and "Restore the Constitution and Restore Prayer".

The source was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this matter.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 29, 1963

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rosack

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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By memorandum dated October 25, 1963, information appearing in the Congressional Record for October 24, 1963, was set forth for the attention of the Director. Included were statements made by Congressman Morris K. Udall (D-Arizona) who included in the Record two articles, one of which was entitled "Red Sale Treason, Bircher Declares" which appeared in the "Arizona Republic," October 19, 1963. This article indicates that Reed Benson, Utah State Coordinator for the John Birch Society (JBS), indicated that he obtained a copy of the Bureau's report on the JBS prior to his joining. The Director asked "Did we ever investigate the John Birch Society? Did we ever give Benson anything on J.B. Society?"

We have never investigated the JBS. We have obtained public source material concerning this group and have issued instructions to the field to be alert for the formation of chapters; that the Bureau was particularly interested in efforts by subversive elements to take over or use the JBS or its chapters; and that no investigation should be conducted. We have also furnished information regarding the JBS by letter to the Department in 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, and the White House in 1959 and 1961. Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley in April, 1961, stated that, in the absence of information indicating that a Federal law or Executive Order has in fact been violated, it would be inappropriate to undertake an investigation of the JBS. No investigative report has ever been written regarding this matter. We are continuing to be alert for any information indicating that an investigation of the JBS is warranted.

A review of Bufiles indicates that Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture under former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, advised our Salt Lake City Office on September 18, 1962, that he had conducted considerable research concerning the JBS and had found nothing actually wrong with its activities and purposes. Mr. Benson did state that Robert H. Welch, President of the JBS, had made some "foolish" remarks in the past concerning former President Eisenhower and other Government officials but that to a large extent these

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statements by Welch had been misconstrued. Mr. Benson indicated that his son, Reed A. Benson, had been approached by the JBS to be the JBS representative in Utah and surrounding states. He felt that his son would consult with him concerning his affiliation with the JBS and, although he knew the Bureau does not sanction or endorse any group, he wanted to know "off the record" how the FBI felt about the JBS and whether or not it had been investigated and any conclusions reached. The SAC advised Mr. Benson off the record that to his knowledge the FBI has not investigated the JBS as such and that any affiliation with this group by his son would be his own decision. (77-54679-39)

There is no other information in the Bufiles to indicate that Mr. Benson or his son, Reed A. Benson, have been furnished information regarding the JBS. Both are on the Special Correspondents' List.

It is felt that Reed Benson should be contacted by the SAC, Salt Lake City, regarding his statement that he obtained a copy of the FBI's "report" on the JBS. The exact nature of this "report" should be determined and the exact manner in which he obtained this "report" should be clarified. In the event it is determined that he has not in fact seen such a "report," he should be emphatically advised to cease and desist from making such statements in the future.

The JBS was formed in December, 1958, by candy manufacturer, Robert H. Welch, Jr., and has as its long-range objective "less Government, more responsibility, and a better world."

RECOMMENDATION:

There is attached for your approval a letter to Salt Lake City instructing that Reed Benson be contacted as indicated above. This letter transmits copies of the article reporting Reed Benson's statement.

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Director, FBI (62-104401)

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1 - Mr. Rosack

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

There are attached two copies of an article which appeared in the October 19, 1963, issue of the "Arizona Republic," page 21, entitled "Red Sale Treason, Bircher Declares." This article reports that, during a speech given by Reed Benson, Utah State Coordinator for the John Birch Society (JBS), he made the statement that he "obtained a copy of the FBI report on the society" before joining the JBS.

Reed A. Benson should be contacted by you regarding his statement which appeared in the above-mentioned article. The exact nature of this so-called report should be determined as well as the manner in which it came into his possession. All available specific data regarding this matter should be obtained.

In the event it is determined that he did not, in fact, obtain such a document, he should be emphatically instructed to cease and desist from making statements in the future indicating that he has obtained FBI documents.

This matter should be handled as soon as possible and results furnished to the Bureau promptly.

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TO : Director, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 11/4/63

FROM: SAC, Salt Lake City (100-9556)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet 10/30/63, transmitting an article that appeared 10/19/63 in the "Arizona Republic." It is noted this article concerned a speech given by REED A. BENSON, Utah State Coordinator for the John Birch Society.

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Tolson
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-new)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION BY
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY WHEN
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND
VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
VISIT HOUSTON, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of a self explanatory letterhead memorandum.

The information in this memorandum was furnished on 11/1/63 to [redacted] of Secret Service in Houston, Texas. He advised that the same information had been furnished to him by [redacted] of the Houston PD. [redacted] also stated that his office will conduct additional inquiries regarding this matter.

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In the event additional information is received, it will be immediately furnished to Secret Service and the Bureau.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date 11-4-63

Information in attached will be furnished to Secret Service White House Detail by Liaison.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Houston, Texas

November 2, 1963

Re: Proposed Demonstration by
John Birch Society when
President John F. Kennedy and
Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson
visit Houston, Texas
Miscellaneous Information Concerning

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On November 1, 1963 Detective [redacted] Houston Police Department received information from a confidential source who is in a position to know, that the John Birch Society in Houston, Texas is alleged to be preparing a demonstration at the time President John F. Kennedy and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson visit Houston, Texas.

[redacted] stated he will attempt to obtain further information regarding the proposed demonstration.

The above information has been furnished to the Secret Service Office in Houston, Texas.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

Memorandum to the Director
Re: The Congressional Record

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Pages 20751-20752. Senator Fulbright, (D) Arkansas, advised that "there has come to my attention an interesting and penetrating analysis of certain aspects of the opinions and principles of Robert Welch and his disciples in the Birch Society. This is in the form of the letter to the editor of the Santa Barbara News-Press, written by a friend of mine and former editor of the Arkansas Gazette, Mr. Harry Ashmore." The text of the letter was included with his remarks. Mr. Ashmore, in his letter, makes reference to a survey published in the Scoreboard of American Opinion magazine, an official publication of the John Birch Society. Ashmore stated "On the Birch scale, the United States is around the bend, with a rating of 50-70 percent Communist total control. American Opinion compares this total control figure with an estimate of actual Communist Party membership in the United States, which it places at a mere 10,000. - - - Such control could only be exercised at the very top echelons of government, by conscious Communist conspirators who have duped virtually the whole of the American people in a series of free elections. It must further be assumed that these conspirators have deluded or subverted the FBI and our other internal security agencies, which have either rejected or are deliberately concealing the facts as revealed by American Opinion to the John Birch membership."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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